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ADMINISTRATION OPPOSITION AGAINST RENEWAL CONFECTIONARY

QUOTAS CONTAINED IN PRESENT SUGAR LEGISLATION WAS MADE KNOWN IN STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT BEFORE THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE AT HEARING ON FEBRUARY 19. PERTINENT PORTION OF STATEMENT MADE BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ON NEW SUGAR LEGISLATION READS AS FOLLOWS:

I WOULD LIKE PARTICULARLY TO EXPRESS THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO QUOTAS ON IMPORTS OF SWEETENED CHOCOLATE, CANDY, AND CONFECTIONERY SUCH AS ARE CONTAINED IN SECTION 206(D). THESE QUOTAS WERE JUSTIFIED ON GROUNDS THAT FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS OF CONFECTIONERY HAD ACCESS TO CHEAPER SUGAR AND THUS MIGHT UNDERSSELL U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF SIMILAR ITEMS. CLEARLY, THIS ARGUMENT HAS NO VALIDITY UNDER THE PRESENT MARKET CONDITIONS. IN NEITHER 1972 NOR 1973 WERE THE QUOTAS FILLED. I SHOULD CALL ATTENTION, MOREOVER, TO THE FACT THAT THIS PROVISION HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF FORMAL COMPLAINT BY A NUMBER OF OUR IMPORTANT TRADING PARTNERS ON GROUNDS THAT THE QUOTAS ON

CONFECTIONS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE. IN SHORT, THE PROVISION REQUIRING QUOTAS ON CONFECTIONS IS A NEEDLESS IRRITANT AND IS HARMFUL TO THE FOREIGN TRADE POSTURE OF THE U.S.
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